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I would like to say that it is about time the Microsoft case is settled. I do not believe it should ever have begun in fact. As a senior citizen, now retired I believe Microsoft has done far more good then bad for the computer public. I had never touched a computer until I was in my fifty's and I have seen things much improved with the Microsoft products ever since. I have run Gateway and Dell computers. I have used Windows 95, 98, ME and soon will use Windows XP. I have run Explorer and Netscape, both at the same time on one computer with out a problem. I currently run three chat programs, AOL, ICQ and MSN with no problems. I am not a computer genius and I have not worked in the industry either.

I also have run several other competing products side by side on my computer. Quicken and MS Money, Microsoft media player and Real Jukebox. Various email programs, etc. I have been able to add or remove these programs without any major problems and was free to decide which I wanted to keep. I also was never forced to buy any Microsoft programs.

Why have we been prolonging this outcome other then to benefit competitors?

I guess if I had a product that could not compete it would be okay to have the government to step in and slow the other guy down. Most anti trust parts of this case have disappeared due to time and circumstances anyway.

My thought on this is if you don't like the company or the products don't buy it. There are other systems and programs available. This is a no brainer.

And if the government wants to worry about monopolies they can start with the oil companies before we have only 2-3 left and gas prices go sky high and never return. The options for the consumer are much worse in this case.

If you do take on big oil give us another judge that has his mind already made up and sleeps in court. What a bozo.

Thanks for listening

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